Subsidy for the export of drugs and Chemicals

@2868. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to reintroduce cash assistance for the export of several bulk drugs and chemicals;

(b) if so, whether the move is to give boost to the export of these products in the context of their excess production;

(c) if so, whether Government had discontinued cash assistance for the export of 47 bulk drugs earlier on the ground that there was no excess production for export;

(d) whether Government have communicated that the production of many of these 47 drugs is more than their requirements now;

(e) whether Government had also withdrawn the cash assistance on four items and reduced the assistance on 16 items; and

(f) if so, what were the main reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) and (b) Cash Compensatory Support on export of various commodities is reviewed from time to time, keeping in view the various disadvantages suffered by the exporters in making their products competitive abroad. Factors like capacity utilisation and increased exports are also taken into consideration.

(c) and (d) 47 items of bulk drugs are at present not eligible for Cash Compensatory Support on account of various factors, including production and domestic consumption. This list is reviewed from time to time.

(e) and (f) Cash Compensatory Support has been withdrawn or reduced on a number of items from time to time, depending upon merits, after taking into consideration various factors including the extent of disadvantages suffered in each case.

Stagnation in Indian Economic Service

2869. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE:
SHRIMATI ILA BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item which appeared in the Hindustan Times of the 11th August, 1985 regarding stagnation in the Indian Economic Service;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what remedial measures Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDAN POOJARI): (a) Yes, Madam.

(b) and (c) The Cadre Controlling Authority is conscious of the necessity to improve the promotion opportunities for IES Officers. In order to bring about better promotion prospects for IES Officers, a cadre review has been taken up. This is being examined in consultation with different Ministries and Departments and is expected to be finalised shortly. The Fourth Pay Commission is also seized of the matter and it is hoped that they would make suitable recommendations. Unfortunately no promotions have taken place for nearly two years due to a Stay Order passed by Hon'ble Supreme Court.

Equal Pay for equal work for Women

2870. SHRIMATI ILA BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to

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